THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.5980 of 2007

Dt:23.03.2007

Between:

M/s. Visalakshi Industries.

.. Petitioner

and

A.P.Eastern Power Distribution Company Ltd., Amalapuram and another.

.. Respondents

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ORDER:

Petitioner is a small scale industry at Amalapuram. It is connected with power supply, through Service Connection No.101-57135. The petitioner was served with a Bill, dated 26.02.2007, for a sum of Rs.56,983/-. It was indicated that the petitioner consumed 14,847 units. The petitioner states that the average consumption of the electricity by it never exceeded by 1000 units and that there is a serious error in the present Bill. To support its contention, the petitioner filed copies of the Bills for the Months of April and November 2006. The petitioner challenges the correctness of the Bill, dated 26.02.2007.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the

learned Standing Counsel for the respondents.

The Electricity Act and the Rules made thereunder prescribe the procedure for attending to the grievances, wherever the consumers dispute the correctness of the Bills. This Court cannot embark into the enquiry, as to the correctness or otherwise of the figures mentioned in the Bill. The petitioner can make a representation to the first respondent, duly placing the relevant facts before it. It is true that the Bill for the Month of April 2006 was Rs.3,051/- and the one for November 2006 was Rs.2,526/-. No acts of pilferage are attributed against the petitioner.

Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, the Writ Petition is disposed of, directing that the respondents shall continue power supply to the petitioner, on payment of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only), against the Bill, dated 26.02.2007; and it shall be open to the petitioner to submit a representation to the first respondent, within a period of two (2) weeks from today. Till the disposal of the representation, the respondents shall not insist on payment of balance of the amount covered by the Bill. There shall be no order as to costs.

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